



Sonoma County Sheriff's Office

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RE: California Public Records Act Request dated June 5, 2019

Dear Mr. Sinyangwe,

This letter is being sent as a follow up response to your Public Records Act request, dated June 5, 2019, seeking Sheriff's Use of Force/Complaints Data. The Sheriff's Office is releasing all publicly disclosable, non-exempt, records at this time. The following is a recitation of your individual requests and the Sheriff's Office's response:

1. The total number of sheriff's deputy use of force incidents, broken down by type of force used, between 2013-2018 (separated by year).

The Sheriff's Office started keeping track of all use of force incidents in 2015, please see the following.

Type of Force Used	2015	2016	2017	2018
Control Hold	312	249	315	377
Personal Weapon Used	72	47	69	84
Taser Used	37	38	39	29
Max Restraint	24	23	34	27
Impact Weapon Used	12	13	11	8
K9 Deployed	5	5	7	5
40 mm Used	4	2	5	1
Firearm Used	0	2	3	1
Chemical Used	3	9	10	3
Carotid Restraint	2	2	2	2
Vehicle Ramming	1	0	0	0

2. The total number of people that deputies used force against, between 2013-2018 (separated by year).

The Sheriff's Office started keeping track of all use of force incidents in 2015, please see the following.

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Number of subjects force was used	395	317	377	418

3. The total number of use of force complaints reported between 2013-2018 (separated by year).

The Sheriff's Office retains use of force complaints for 5 years, please see the following.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Number of use of force complaints	2	4	11	10	14

4. The total number of use of force complaints sustained between 2013-2018 (separated by year).

The Sheriff's Office retains use of force complaints for 5 years, please see the following.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Number of sustained use of force complaints	0	0	0	0	1

5. The policy manual of the sheriff's department.

On June 13th a request was sent to you asking for clarification regarding this request and a response has yet to be received. At this time please see attached Use of Force policy since it is related to your other requests. There are also additional policies posted on our website www.sonomasheriff.org. If there is a policy that you do not see please let me know and I will search to see if one exists and provide it to you.

6. The current union contract between the city and any sheriff's deputy/police officer unions.

All Sonoma County Labor Agreements can be located at the following website;
<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/HR/Employee-Relations/Labor/>

This completes the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office response to your California Public Records Act request.

Sincerely,

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